

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, 1930-31.I. TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.£1,856,433 decrease £720,654 or 28%.

Since the maximum consumption year of 1926-27 when the Brink Bill was £3,096,470, averaging per inhabitant £5:9:4 there has been a constant annual fall to £2,577,087 - £4:8:10 per head in 1929-30, and the year now under review 1930-31 records the very substantial drop of 28% - the total being £1,856,433 decrease £720,654 & and £3:3:9 per inhabitant decrease £1:5:1.

Total Value Per Head	£	1926-27 3,096,470 (£5:9:4)	1929-30 2,577,087 (£4:8:10)	1930-31 1,856,433 (£3:3:9)	Decrease 720,654 (£1:5:1)
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II. TOTAL QUANTITIES CONSUMED.Beer (Galls) 3,822,286 - decrease 1,255,171 or 25%.Spirits (Pf.galls) 55,910 decrease 74,315 or 57%.

Beer. - The consumption per inhabitant was 6.57 gallons, a decrease of 2.18 gallons or 25%. Imported Beer decreased 74% - 69,969 to 18,265 gallons, and Australian Beer decreased 24% from 5,007,488 to 3,804,021 gallons.

Spirits (Pf.galls). - Consumption of Spirits fell by 55% from 0.22 to 0.10 pf. galls per inhabitant. The total quantity in pf. galls. was 55,910 a decrease of 74,315 pf. galls. or 57%. The proportion of Imported Spirits consumed fell by 73% and Australian Spirits by 44%.

Wine. - The annual consumption is estimated at 0.75 gallons per head.

Beer Per Head	Galls. "	1926-27 6,382,982 (11.27)	1929-30 5,077,457 (8.75)	1930-31 3,822,286 (6.57)	Decrease 1,255,171 (2.18)
Spirits Per Head	Pf.Galls. "	178,856 (0.32)	130,225 (0.22)	55,910 (0.10)	74,315 (0.12)

III. NET REVENUE.

Customs Excise Total	£	1926-27 197,368 992,041 1,189,409	1929-30 142,322 685,275 827,597	1930-31 43,661 517,142 560,803	Decrease 98,661 168,133 266,794
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IV. DRUNKENNESS.

The convictions for drunkenness for the year numbered 2,577 being 1,714 fewer than the previous year and equal to a decrease of 2.96 per 1,000 inhabitants.

Convictions Per 1000 popn.	No. No.	1926-27 6,029 (10.79)	1929-30 4,291 (7.40)	1930-31 2,577 (4.44)	Decrease 1,714 (2.96)
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